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Dear Fred:

Here are press clippings of the statements made by the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights and the Buenos Aires Lawyers Association as requested in State 223616.

I'm also sending along a copy of another statement which is being sent to the press by a group of relatives of missing persons. Emilio Mignone, whose daughter Maria was abducted in May, gave it to me. Mignone is a well-regarded academician who worked for the OAS in Washington from 1962-67. I got to know him because Maria is one of my "cases."

Mignone is a member of the Permanent Assembly and is also active in an ecumenical group of Church and laymen concerned about human rights violations. He said that relatives of missing persons are beginning to group together to share information and try to bring collective pressure against the government. The press release is the first step. They are unlikely to push very hard, however, out of fear of jeopardizing the lives of those detained. Nevertheless, it is another indication that the pressure is building internally as well.

Saludos,

*Yvonne Thayer*  
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